

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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### OVERVIEW

#### The Occupations

Childcare Director, Childcare Teacher, Childcare Assistant, Childcare Worker, School Teacher Aide, Nanny

#### About the Occupations

Child development teachers provide valuable experiences that enhance the lives of the most important people in the world, our children. The early childhood worker provides care for children such as feeding, diapering, and comforting, as well as programs to stimulate children's social and intellectual development.

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### CAREER OUTLOOK

### WORK ENVIRONMENT

Work Environment Characteristics for Child Development-Related Positions

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Employers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private homes</li> <li>• Day care centers and nursery schools</li> <li>• Head Start programs</li> <li>• Public or private schools, churches, or recreation centers</li> <li>• Company-sponsored programs</li> <li>• Day care home providers</li> <li>• Preschools for special-needs children</li> <li>• Inclusive preschools</li> </ul>
Typical Schedule	Child development workers typically work weekdays on a 35-40 hour schedule. There may be occasional night work.
Tools and Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Games, pencils, pens, paper, Crayons</li> <li>• Teacher supplies</li> <li>• Workbooks and other teaching equipment</li> </ul>

### WORKER PORTRAIT

Skills, Aptitudes, and Interest for Child Development-Related Positions

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Skills and Aptitudes	Childcare workers need to be kind, patient, dependable, and emotionally stable. They should relate well with children and enjoy art, music, storytelling, and drama. They need to be creative and imaginative with a good sense of humor and an enthusiastic personality. They need to be able to provide fair, firm discipline when necessary. They should enjoy working with children and helping others. Childcare workers must be able to follow governmental standards and regulations.
Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoys working with children and helping others</li> <li>• Enjoys variety</li> <li>• Enjoys doing valuable work for society</li> </ul>

### EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Employment Outlook for Child Development-Related Positions

OUTLOOK RATING	OCCUPATIONS
Good	Childcare Directors
Good	School Teacher Aides
Excellent	Nannies
Excellent	Childcare Workers

## SALARY INFORMATION

Annual Salary Ranges for Selected Child Development Positions

POSITION	SALARY RANGE (PER YEAR)
Childcare Directors	\$9,984 - \$16,640
School Teacher Aides	\$8,840 - \$20,400
Nannies	\$10,192 - \$14,310
Childcare Workers	Varies

(Note: Individual earnings may vary based upon the job setting and position. These are ranges not guarantees of earnings.)  
Sources: AED Foundation, DISCOVER, The Occupational Outlook Handbook, Bureau of Labor Elementary Statistical Methods

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## DEGREE/CERTIFICATE

CONCENTRATION OPTIONS	DEGREE / CERTIFICATE TYPE	DEGREE PLANS
Child Development	Associate in Applied Science	<a href="#">View Degree Plan</a>
Child Development	Certificate	<a href="#">View Degree Plan</a>

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